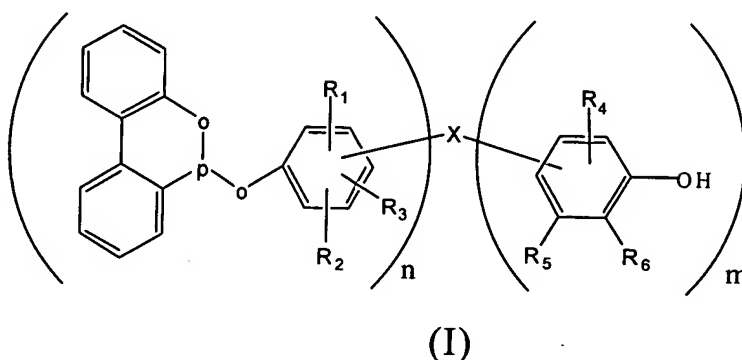


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A phenolic group-containing phosphonite compound of formula (I)



wherein

the compound of formula (I) comprises a first phenyl group attached to a phosphonite group, and further comprises a second phenyl group attached to a hydroxyl group,

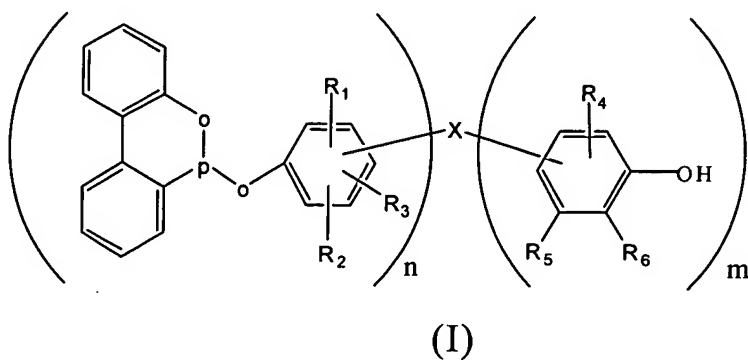
R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁-C₁₈ alkyl, n and m are 1, and

X is a C₄-C₆-alkyl substituted alkylene and is in para-positions with respect to the phosphonite group attached to the first phenyl group and with respect to the hydroxyl group attached to the second phenyl group.

3. (Previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 2, wherein X is propylmethylene, R₁ and R₄ are methyl, R₂ and R₆ are t-butyl, and R₃ and R₅ are hydrogen.

Claims 4-18 (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) A phenolic group-containing phosphonite compound of formula (I)



wherein

R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 independently of one another are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl,

n and m are 1, and

X is sulfur.

20. (Previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 2, wherein X is propylmethylene.